

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7 and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 8 – 21 are withdrawn from this application.

Claims 1 – 7 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph due to the use of the term "substantially". It is respectfully submitted that "substantially" is a valid, definite term and is allowed in patent claims. However, to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has deleted "substantially" from claims 1 and 4 and replaced it with the term "essentially" which is an acceptable, definite term. It is respectfully noted to the Examiner that the term "essentially" is utilized in the Oien reference cited by the Examiner.

Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over EP 1,153,997, Admitted Prior Art (APA) and U.S. Patent No. 3,994,764, issued to Wolinski. Further, claims 1 – 7 and 22 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,753,747, issued to Oien, in view of the APA and Wolinski. Applicant has amended claim 1 of the present application to clearly indicate that the present invention comprises a one-part adhesive and that the essentially crystalline polyol is not a styrene/allyl polyol. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 7 and 22 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over EP 1,153,997, the APA, Wolinski and Oien.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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